Prevention and detection of crime is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments and as such, Ministry of Railways has to depend largely on them for control of crime over Railways.

However, to provide better security to the travelling passengers in trains and passenger areas, Railways is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways by deploying Railway Protection Force staff to escort trains. To prevent offences against women in trains, Special Surakshini/Tejaswani Squads have also been fromed consisting of women ticket checking staff (Wherever available) and women staff of Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Government Railway Police (GRP). As far as possible, the trains in affected sections are escorted by armed police personnel during night hours. During the period from July 2004 to December 2005, the Railway Protection Force has prosecuted 12,61,990 persons under the Railways Act, including 61,223 number of cases of males travelling in women's compartments. In the same period, 22 cases of offences against women were also detected by the RPF with arrest of 20 offenders who were handed over to the GRP concerned for further legal action.

New Railway projects in Maharashtra

2547. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new railway projects in Maharashtra and the surveys conducted in that regard alongwith the progress made in these projects;

(b) the funds allocated for these projects, so far, and the amount spent;

(c) whether the State Government has requested for a special pacakage from the Central Government to complete these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) The details of ongoing projects alongwith expenditure incurred, present position and targets wherever fixed are as under:

(Rs. In crore)

Sl. No.	Details of the ongoing projects	Km.	Anti-cipated cost	Expen-diture up to March 2005	Outlay during 2005-06	Present position of the project and likely date of completion wherever fixed.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Lines						
1.	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parlie Vaijnath	261-25	353.08	13.31	10.38	Final location survey completed. Land acquisition completed in 15 km. length (Ahmednagar-Narayandoh section) where 71% earthwork, I major and 10 minor bridges completed.
2.	Amravati-Narkher	138	284.27	128	17.00	Contracts for minor and major bridges awarded. Earthwork taken up. Section from Amravati to Chandur Bazar (44 kms.) completed.
3.	Baramati-Lonand	54	138.48	11.50	7	Final Location Survey completed. Land papers for Lonand-Phalton (27 kilometres) submitted to State Government. Bridge works taken up.
4.	Panvel-Karjat	28	137.96	130.58	3	Work completed and commissioned.
5.	Puntamba-Shirdi	16.6	48.78	27.12	5	Final Location survey completed. Land acquisition and minor bridges taken up.
Gauge Conversion						
1.	Akola-Purna	210	245.5	38.74	25	Earthwork and bridge work in progress.
2.	Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat Katangi	285	511.86	148.61	25.00	Gondia-Balaghat (42 km.) section has been commissioned. Earthwork and bridge work taken up in balance length.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.	Miraj-Latur	374	515.57	220.46	35	The work is being progressed in phases. Kurduwadi to Pandharpur (52 km.) and Latur-Latur Road (33 km.) completed. Earthwork and bridges taken up between Kurduwadi and Latur. Work has also been taken up between Miraj-Pandharpur.
4.	Mudkhed-Adilabad	162	220.00	102.42	30	Adilabad-Kinwat (45 Km.) completed. Work on balance section is in various stages of progress and targeted for completion during 2006-07.
5.	Secundera-bad Mudkhed & Jankham-pet-Bodhan	269	382.69	296.96	21.06	Project completed.
6.	Solapur (Hotgi)-Gadag	282	342.7	260.83	15	Solapur to Bijapur (110 km.) section completed and commissioned. On Bijapur-Basavana Bagewadi (45 kms.) track linking completed. Track Work on Basavanabagewadi-Bagalkot taken up and targeted for completion during 2006-07.
Doubling						
1.	Diva-Kalyan	11	70	48.70	17.30	Earthwork and bridge work etc. in progress and targeted for completion during 2006-07.
2.	Pakni-Mohol	17	81.74	10	10	Work taken up.
3.	Pakni-solapur	16.28	38.52	4.51	7.42	Formation and bridges taken up and to be completed during 2006-07.
4.	Panvel-Jasai-JNPT	28.5	53.25	13.03	25	Works of formation & bridges in advanced stages. Targeted for completion during 2005-06.

Surveys completed recently, falling fully and partly in Maharashtra

Sl. No.	Name of the Survey	Kms.
1.	Achalpur-Murtjapur-Yavatmal, Pulgaon-Arvi Gauge Conversion	225
2.	Manmad-Dhule *via* Malegaon New Line	98
3.	Dhule-Nardana-Shirpur New Line	62

The details of ongoing/New surveys for New Lines, Gauge Conversion and Doubling falling partly/fully in Maharashtra are as under

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Kms.
1.	Durg-Nagpur 3rd line	256
2.	Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad new Line	60
3.	Chinchwad-Roha New Line	95
4.	Itarsi-Nagpur-Wardha-Ballarshah Doubling	306
5.	Pune-Miraj-Kolhapur Doubling	326
6.	Pandharpur-Lonand New Line	145
7.	Ballarshah-Kazipet 3rd line	192
8.	Wardha-Yavatmal-Pusad-Nanded New Line	260
9.	Igatpuri-Bhusaval 3rd line	3-8

Surveys included in the Budget 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of the Survey	Kms.
1.	Kalyan-Ahmednagar New Line	240
2.	Veer-Harihareshwar New Line	45

The projects which have been completed but appearing in the Budget for residual work and financial adjustments have not been shown above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.